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S/PV.8134 13 December 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Central Africa and the activities of UNOCA (S/2017/995)			Special Representative of the Secretary-General	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), Special Representative of the Secretary-General	

11. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

During the period under review, the Security Council held 55 meetings, including one high-level meeting¹⁰⁵ and five meetings with troop- and police-contributing countries,¹⁰⁶ adopted 17 resolutions, all but one under Chapter VII of the Charter, failed to adopt one draft resolution¹⁰⁷ and issued four presidential statements under the item “Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan”. Most meetings in 2016 and 2017 took the form of briefings. More information on the meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the table below.

In addition, Council members continued to hold, on a regular basis, informal consultations of the whole on the situation in the Sudan and South Sudan. During the period, the Council conducted a mission to South Sudan from 2 to 5 September 2016.¹⁰⁸

The Council considered distinct aspects of the situation in the Sudan and South Sudan and in particular the mandates of the three peace operations deployed in the region: the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) and

the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA).¹⁰⁹ The Council also considered the work of the sanctions bodies concerned with the situation in the Sudan and South Sudan: the Panel of Experts on South Sudan, and the Panel of Experts on the Sudan.¹¹⁰ In addition, the Council continued its consideration of the implementation of resolution 1593 (2005), in which it referred the situation in Darfur to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

In 2016 and 2017, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for South Sudan and Head of UNMISS briefed the Council on the situation in South Sudan and the status of the implementation of the mandate of UNMISS at 30, 60 and 90-day intervals.¹¹¹ In addition, the Council heard briefings by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-

¹⁰⁹ For more information on the mandates of UNAMID, UNISFA and UNMISS, see part X, sect. I, “Peacekeeping operations”.

¹¹⁰ For more information on the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan and their respective panels of experts, see part IX, sect. I, “Committees”.

¹¹¹ Pursuant to resolutions 2252 (2015) and 2327 (2016), representatives of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for South Sudan and Head of UNMISS briefed the Council every 60 and 90 days, respectively. In addition, by resolution 2304 (2016), the Council requested the Secretary-General to brief the Council on the status of the deployment of the Regional Protection Force at 30-day intervals.

¹⁰⁵ See S/PV.7906. For more information on the format of meetings, see part II, sect. I.

¹⁰⁶ Held on 9 and 29 June and 15 November 2016 and 1 June and 6 December 2017, under the item entitled “Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B”; see S/PV.7709, S/PV.7730, S/PV.7809, S/PV.7956 and S/PV.8121.

¹⁰⁷ S/2016/1085. See S/PV.7850, p. 2.

¹⁰⁸ For more information, see part I, sect. 36, “Security Council mission”, and part VI, sect. II, “Investigation of disputes and fact-finding”.

General for the Sudan and South Sudan, the Chairperson of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Special Envoy for South Sudan and the Coordinator of the Women’s Monthly Forum on Peace and the Political Processes in South Sudan, a non-governmental organization, in connection with the lack of progress in the implementation of the 2015 Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan. The Council was also briefed by other stakeholders, including the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, in connection with the severely deteriorating security and humanitarian conditions resulting from the stalemate in the political process.

In connection with South Sudan, the Council renewed the mandate of UNMISS three times for periods of six months, one year and three months, respectively, the last until 15 March 2018.¹¹² The Council also adopted two resolutions providing for the technical rollover of the Mission’s mandate for 14 days and one day, respectively, in the context of mandate renewal negotiations.¹¹³ Further to the intensification of fighting between the Government of South Sudan and opposition forces in Juba in July 2016, the Council, by resolution 2304 (2016), decided, under Chapter VII of the Charter, that the Mission would include a Regional Protection Force with the responsibility of providing a secure environment in and around the city.¹¹⁴ The resolution was adopted by 11 votes to none, with four abstentions, owing to the objection of some members of the Council to the lack of explicit consent from the Government of South Sudan with respect to the mandate of the Force.¹¹⁵ During its mission to South Sudan, on 4 September 2016, the Council issued a joint communiqué with the Government of South Sudan in which the latter gave its consent for the deployment of the Force.¹¹⁶ In presidential statements issued during the period, the Council expressed deep alarm at the situation in South Sudan, the continued fighting between the parties and the resulting humanitarian crisis.¹¹⁷ The Council called upon the parties to fully adhere to their commitments

under the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan by, among other things, implementing immediate adherence to the permanent ceasefire and immediate cessation of obstructions to and attacks on humanitarian personnel endeavouring to provide life-saving assistance.¹¹⁸ The Council further underscored its support for regional and international efforts to advance the Agreement.¹¹⁹

In connection with the sanctions measures imposed on South Sudan, the Council heard three briefings by the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan,¹²⁰ renewed the travel ban and asset freeze, and extended the mandate of the Panel of Experts on four occasions, the last until 30 June 2018.¹²¹ On 23 December 2016, a draft resolution submitted by the United States which would have imposed an arms embargo against the warring parties in South Sudan was not adopted owing to an insufficient number of votes in favour.¹²² Several Council members questioned the utility of such measures in advancing the peace process, particularly given the opinion of IGAD to the contrary.¹²³

In relation to Darfur, the Council renewed the mandate of UNAMID on two occasions for a period of one year, the most recent being until 30 June 2018.¹²⁴ At 60 and 90-day intervals, the Council heard briefings on the situation in Darfur by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the African Union-United Nations Joint Special Representative and Head of UNAMID. In 2016, in resolution 2296 (2016), the Council expressed deep concern at the ongoing insecurity in Darfur as characterized by attacks by rebel groups and government forces in Jebel Marra, which continued to

¹¹² Resolutions 2304 (2016), para. 4, 2327 (2016), para. 5, and 2392 (2017), para. 1.

¹¹³ Resolutions 2302 (2016) and 2326 (2016), para. 1.

¹¹⁴ Resolution 2304 (2016), para. 8.

¹¹⁵ S/PV.7754, pp. 4–5 (Russian Federation); p. 5 (China); p. 6 (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela); and p. 10 (Egypt).

¹¹⁶ A/71/2, para. 95.

¹¹⁷ S/PRST/2016/1, first and third paragraphs; and S/PRST/2017/4, first, second and third paragraphs.

¹¹⁸ S/PRST/2016/1, sixth paragraph; S/PRST/2016/3, first paragraph; S/PRST/2017/4, sixth paragraph; and S/PRST/2017/25, fifth paragraph.

¹¹⁹ S/PRST/2017/4, fourth paragraph; and S/PRST/2017/25, third and fourth paragraphs.

¹²⁰ See S/PV.7628, S/PV.7814 and S/PV.7930.

¹²¹ Resolutions 2271 (2016), paras. 1 and 2; 2280 (2016), paras. 1 and 2; 2290 (2016), paras. 7 and 12; and 2353 (2017), paras. 1 and 2.

¹²² The draft resolution (S/2016/1085) received 7 votes in favour, none against, with 8 abstentions (see table).

¹²³ S/PV.7850, pp. 5–6 (China); p. 6 (Russian Federation); p. 7 (Japan); p. 8 (Malaysia); p. 8 (Egypt); p. 9 (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela); p. 10 (Angola); and p. 10 (Senegal). For more information on discussions in the Council with regard to imposing an arms embargo on South Sudan, see part VII, sect. III, “Measures not involving the use of armed force in accordance with Article 41 of the Charter”.

¹²⁴ Resolutions 2296 (2016) and 2363 (2017), para. 1.

threaten civilians, and demanded that the parties commit themselves to a permanent ceasefire.¹²⁵ One year later, in 2017, in resolution 2363 (2017), the Council welcomed the overall improvement in security conditions and the reduction in the levels of new displacement in Darfur, expressed concern with respect to the activities of militia groups, and expressed deep concern at, inter alia, the long-term displacement of approximately 2.7 million people. The Council authorized the reduction of the military and police components of UNAMID and the refocusing of its mandate. The Council further called on the Government of Sudan to address operational restrictions on UNAMID and humanitarian actors, and took note of consultations between the United Nations, the African Union and the Government, including the development of an exit strategy for the Mission.¹²⁶ The Council also heard one briefing by the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) and renewed the mandate of its Panel of Experts on two occasions for a period of one year each, the most recent being until 12 March 2018.¹²⁷ In the context of the Council's discussions during the period, members of the Council expressed differing views on the possible imposition of additional measures against the trafficking of natural resources from Darfur.¹²⁸

Pursuant to resolution 1593 (2005), in which the Council invited the Prosecutor of the International Court to report to it every six months, and consistent with established practice, the Prosecutor briefed the Council every six months, twice in 2016 and twice in 2017. In her briefings, she made reference to the activities of the Court in relation to the situation in Darfur. The Prosecutor expressed regret regarding the lack of action by the Council in response to the non-compliance with the resolution of the Sudan and 13 other Member States in the execution of the warrants of arrest issued by the Court.¹²⁹

Finally, with respect to Abyei and the border between the Sudan and South Sudan, the Council was briefed once during the period by the Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions.¹³⁰ The Council extended the mandate of UNISFA four times for periods of six months each, the last until 15 May 2018.¹³¹ By resolution 2386 (2017), the Council expressed serious concern regarding the delays to fully operationalize the Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism, and decided to extend the mandate of UNISFA to support the Mechanism for a final period of five months until 15 April 2018 unless the parties took the specific measures described in paragraph 9 of the resolution.¹³²

¹²⁵ Resolution 2296 (2016), sixth preambular paragraph and para. 11.

¹²⁶ Resolution 2363 (2017), tenth and fifteenth preambular paragraphs, and paras. 2, 5, 7, 33 and 40.

¹²⁷ Resolutions 2265 (2016) and 2340 (2017), para 1.

¹²⁸ S/PV.7619, p. 2 (Russian Federation); pp. 2-3 (United States); and pp. 3-4 (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela).

¹²⁹ S/PV.7710, pp. 2-4; S/PV.7833, pp. 2-5; S/PV.7963, pp. 2-4; and S/PV.8132, pp. 2-5.

¹³⁰ S/PV.8078, pp. 2-3.

¹³¹ Resolutions 2287 (2016), 2318 (2016), 2352 (2017) and 2386 (2017), para. 1.

¹³² Resolution 2386 (2017), paras. 2, 8 and 9.

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S/PV.7608 25 January 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) (S/2015/1027)		Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	All invitees	
S/PV.7619 10 February 2016		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/123)	Sudan		Two Council members (United States, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)), Sudan	Resolution 2265 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)

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S/PV.7628 19 February 2016	Letter dated 22 January 2016 from the Panel of Experts on South Sudan established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2206 (2015) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/70) Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (S/2016/138)		South Sudan	Chairperson of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights	One Council member (Senegal), ^a all invitees ^b	
S/PV.7639 2 March 2016		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/200)			Two Council members (Russian Federation, United States)	Resolution 2271 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)
S/PV.7650 17 March 2016						S/PRST/2016/1
S/PV.7663 31 March 2016			South Sudan	Chairperson of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNMISS, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, United Nations Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights	All invitees ^c	
S/PV.7666 6 April 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on UNAMID (S/2016/268)		Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	All invitees	

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S/PV.7667 7 April 2016		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/322)				Resolution 2280 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter) S/PRST/2016/3
S/PV.7678 26 April 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance provided to the African Union Commission and the Transitional Government of National Unity for the Implementation of chapter V of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (S/2016/328) Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (S/2016/341)		South Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	All invitees	
S/PV.7691 12 May 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abyei (S/2016/353)	Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/435)	Sudan		One Council member (Russian Federation), Sudan	Resolution 2287 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)
S/PV.7702 31 May 2016		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/493)	South Sudan		Three Council members (Egypt, Russian Federation, United States), South Sudan	Resolution 2290 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)
S/PV.7710 9 June 2016			Sudan	Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court	All Council members, all invitees	

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S/PV.7716 14 June 2016	Letter dated 8 June 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/510)		Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	All invitees	
S/PV.7728 29 June 2016	Letter dated 8 June 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/510)	Draft resolution submitted by United Kingdom (S/2016/580)	Sudan		Six Council members, ^d Sudan	Resolution 2296 (2016) 15-0-0
S/PV.7737 13 July 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (S/2016/552)		South Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	All invitees	
S/PV.7751 29 July 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (S/2016/552)	Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/660)			Four Council members (China, Egypt, United States, Uruguay)	Resolution 2302 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)
S/PV.7754 12 August 2016		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/705)	South Sudan		All Council members, South Sudan	Resolution 2304 (2016) 11-0-4 ^e (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)
S/PV.7781 4 October 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on UNAMID (S/2016/812)		Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	One Council member (Uruguay), all invitees	
S/PV.7810 15 November 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abyei (S/2016/864)	Draft resolution submitted by the United States (S/2016/960)	South Sudan, Sudan		All invitees	Resolution 2318 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)
S/PV.7814 17 November 2016	Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (covering the period from 12 August to 25 October 2016) (S/2016/950) Special report of the Secretary-General on the review of the		South Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	14 Council members, ^f South Sudan, Special Representative, Special Adviser	

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	mandate of UNMISS (S/2016/951)					
	Letter dated 15 November 2016 from the Panel of Experts on South Sudan established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2206 (2015) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/963)					
S/PV.7833 13 December 2016			Sudan	Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7838 15 December 2016		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/1061)			One Council member (Russian Federation)	Resolution 2326 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)
S/PV.7840 16 December 2016		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/1066)	South Sudan		12 Council members, ^g South Sudan	Resolution 2327 (2016) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)
S/PV.7846 19 December 2016			South Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator	Secretary-General, four Council members (France, Russian Federation, United States, Uruguay), all invitees	
S/PV.7850 23 December 2016		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2016/1085)	South Sudan		All Council members, South Sudan	Draft resolution not adopted (S/2016/1085) 7-0-8 ^h
S/PV.7860 12 January 2017	Letter dated 28 October 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the		Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	One Council member (Uruguay), all invitees	

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	President of the Security Council (S/2016/915)					
	Report of the Secretary-General on UNAMID (S/2016/1109)					
S/PV.7878 8 February 2017	Letter dated 9 January 2017 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/22)	Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2017/109)	Sudan		Sudan	Resolution 2340 (2017) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)
S/PV.7906 23 March 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (covering the period from 16 December 2016 to 1 March 2017) (S/2017/224)		South Sudan	Chairperson of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission, Coordinator of the Women's Monthly Forum on Peace and Political Processes in South Sudan	Secretary-General, all Council members, ⁱ all invitees	S/PRST/2017/4
S/PV.7912 4 April 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on UNAMID (S/2017/250)		Sudan	Joint Special Representative for UNAMID	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7930 25 April 2017	Letter dated 17 April 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/328)			Special Representative of the Secretary-General	All Council members, ^b Special Representative of the Secretary-General	
S/PV.7939 15 May 2017	Special report of the Secretary-General on the review of the mandate of the United Nations Interim Security	Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2017/412)	South Sudan, Sudan		11 Council members, ^j all invitees	Resolution 2352 (2017) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)

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	Force for Abyei (UNISFA) (S/2017/293)					
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abyei (S/2017/312)					
S/PV.7948 24 May 2017		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2017/444)				Resolution 2353 (2017) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)
S/PV.7950 24 May 2017			South Sudan	Special Representative of the Secretary-General	All Council members, all invitees ^k	
S/PV.7963 8 June 2017			Sudan	Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.7969 14 June 2017	Special report of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the strategic review of UNAMID (S/2017/437)		Sudan	Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), all invitees	
S/PV.7982 21 June 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (covering the period from 2 March to 1 June 2017) (S/2017/505)		South Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan	Three Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Kazakhstan, Uruguay), all invitees	
S/PV.7989 29 June 2017	Special report of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the strategic review of UNAMID (S/2017/437)	Draft resolution submitted by United Kingdom (S/2017/553)	Sudan		One Council member (United Kingdom), Sudan	Resolution 2363 (2017) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)

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S/PV.8008 20 July 2017			South Sudan	Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Chairperson of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission	14 Council members, ^l all invitees ^m	
S/PV.8030 24 August 2017			South Sudan	Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan, Chairperson of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission	Four Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Japan, Kazakhstan, Uruguay), all invitees ⁿ	
S/PV.8050 14 September 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on UNAMID (S/2017/746) Letter dated 30 August 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/747)		Sudan	Joint Special Representative of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), all invitees	
S/PV.8056 26 September 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (covering the period from 2 June to 1 September 2017) (S/2017/784)		South Sudan	Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Chairperson of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission	12 Council members, ^o all invitees ^p	
S/PV.8071 17 October 2017			South Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	Three Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ethiopia, Uruguay), all invitees	

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S/PV.8078 26 October 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abyei (S/2017/870 and S/2017/870/Corr.1)		South Sudan, Sudan	Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), all invitees	
S/PV.8101 15 November 2017		Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2017/951)	South Sudan, Sudan		Two Council members (Ethiopia, United States), all invitees	Resolution 2386 (2017) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter)
S/PV.8103 15 November 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on UNAMID (S/2017/907)		Sudan	Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), all invitees	
S/PV.8115 28 November 2017				Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	All Council members, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations	
S/PV.8123 7 December 2017					One Council member (Ukraine) ^g	
S/PV.8124 7 December 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (covering the period from 2 September to 14 November 2017) (S/2017/1011)		South Sudan	Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Intergovernmental Authority on Development Special Envoy for South Sudan	Two Council members (Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Uruguay), all invitees ^f	

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S/PV.8132 12 December 2017			Sudan	Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court	All Council members, all invitees	
S/PV.8135 14 December 2017	Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (covering the period from 2 September to 14 November 2017) (S/2017/1011)	Draft resolution submitted by United States (S/2017/1045)				Resolution 2392 (2017) 15-0-0 (adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter) S/PRST/2017/25

^a The representative of Senegal spoke in his capacity as Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution [2206 \(2015\)](#) concerning South Sudan.

^b The Chairperson of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission, the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for UNMISS and the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights participated in the meeting via videoconference from Addis Ababa, Juba and Goma, respectively.

^c The Special Representative of the Secretary-General participated in the meeting via videoconference from Juba.

^d China, Egypt, Russian Federation, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), United Kingdom and United States.

^e *For:* Angola, France, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Senegal, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *abstaining:* China, Egypt, Russian Federation, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

^f Angola, China, France, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Spain, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), United Kingdom, Ukraine, United States and Uruguay. The representative of Senegal (President of the Security Council) spoke in his capacity as Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution [2206 \(2015\)](#) concerning South Sudan.

^g Angola, China, Egypt, Malaysia, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain (President of the Security Council), United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

^h *For:* France, New Zealand, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay; *abstaining:* Angola, China, Egypt, Japan, Malaysia, Russian Federation, Senegal, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

ⁱ The United Kingdom (President of the Security Council) was represented by its Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; Egypt and Sweden by their Ministers for Foreign Affairs; Ethiopia by the State Minister for Foreign Affairs; Italy by its Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; and Kazakhstan by its Permanent Representative to the African Union.

^j China, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Italy, Japan, Russian Federation, Senegal, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay. The representative of Italy spoke on behalf of Italy and Sweden.

^k The Special Representative of the Secretary-General participated in the meeting via videoconference from Juba.

^l Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China (President of the Security Council), Ethiopia, France, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

^m The Chairperson of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission participated in the meeting via videoconference from Juba.

ⁿ The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission participated in the meeting via videoconference from Addis Ababa and Juba, respectively.

^o Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, France, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

^p The Chairperson of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission participated in the meeting via videoconference from Juba.

^q The representative of Ukraine spoke in his capacity as Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1591 \(2005\)](#) concerning the Sudan.

^r The IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan participated in the meeting via videoconference from Addis Ababa.

12. Peace consolidation in West Africa

During the period 2016 to 2017, the Council held 10 meetings, adopted one resolution and issued five presidential statements in connection with the item entitled “Peace consolidation in West Africa”, a threefold increase of activity with respect to the previous two years (2014–2015).¹³³ More information on the meetings, including on participants, speakers and outcomes, is given in the table below.¹³⁴

The Security Council concurred with the recommendations of the Secretary-General to merge the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel and the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA), which was renamed the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS).¹³⁵ In a presidential statement issued on 28 July 2016, the Council welcomed the merger of the two offices and noted that a unified management of the structure of UNOWAS should be ensured.¹³⁶

During the period, the Council heard briefings by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOWAS, who presented the reports of the Secretary-General on the most recent political developments and trends in West Africa and the Sahel.¹³⁷ The reports highlighted the efforts of UNOWAS to enhance its ongoing activities in the areas of conflict prevention, mediation and good offices, subregional and regional cooperation to address cross-border and cross-cutting threats to peace and security, the promotion of good governance, respect for the rule of law and human rights, gender mainstreaming and support to regional initiatives.¹³⁸ In addition, during the period under review, the Special Representative updated the Council on the progress made in the implementation of the United Nations integrated strategy for the Sahel in close collaboration with Member States, regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders.¹³⁹

In its deliberations, Council members focused on the evolving political, governance, security, socioeconomic and humanitarian trends in West Africa and the Sahel, including terrorist acts attributed to Boko Haram and other organizations, transnational organized crime and other cross-cutting threats to peace and security. Discussions in the Council also focused on the implementation of the mandate of UNOWAS and the mission of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General. The Council discussed the challenge of elections and installation of new Governments in several countries in the subregion and the success achieved in the fight against Ebola by countries of the region.¹⁴⁰

At a meeting held on 21 December 2016,¹⁴¹ the Council discussed the post-election crisis in the Gambia and issued a presidential statement calling on the Gambian authorities to carry out a peaceful and orderly transition process and to transfer power to President-elect Adama Barrow by 19 January 2017, in accordance with the Gambian Constitution. It commended the initiatives of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and reiterated its support for the continued efforts of ECOWAS and the African Union to promote peace, stability and good governance.¹⁴²

By resolution 2337 (2017), the Council endorsed the decisions of ECOWAS and the African Union to recognize Mr. Adama Barrow as President of the Gambia, and called upon the countries in the region and the relevant regional organizations to cooperate with President Barrow in his efforts to realize the transition of power.¹⁴³ In a presidential statement, the Council welcomed the positive political developments in several West African countries, in particular the peaceful transition of power in the Gambia, and also welcomed the subregional, regional and international efforts to mitigate the security, humanitarian and development consequences of Boko Haram’s operations.¹⁴⁴

The Council expressed its deep concern at the level of violence of acts of piracy and armed robbery at sea in the Gulf of Guinea, stressed that the coordination of efforts at the regional level was key, noted the need for international assistance to Member

¹³³ For more information, see *Repertoire, Supplement 2014–2015*, part I, sect. 12, “Peace consolidation in West Africa”.

¹³⁴ In 2014 and 2015, the Council held three meetings; no decisions were adopted.

¹³⁵ See S/2016/88 and S/2016/89.

¹³⁶ S/PRST/2016/11, second paragraph.

¹³⁷ S/2015/1012, S/2016/566, S/2016/1072 and S/2017/563.

¹³⁸ For more information on the mandate of UNOWAS, see part X, sect. II, “Special political missions”.

¹³⁹ S/PV.7735, p. 3; S/PV.7862, p. 3; and S/PV.8002, p. 3. For more information, see part I, sect. 13, “Peace and security in Africa”.

¹⁴⁰ See for example, S/PV.8002, S/PV.7735 and S/PV.7604.

The meetings were followed by informal consultations.

¹⁴¹ See S/PV.7848.

¹⁴² S/PRST/2016/19, third, fourth and tenth paragraphs.

¹⁴³ Resolution 2337 (2017), paras. 2 and 3.

¹⁴⁴ S/PRST/2017/10, third and ninth paragraphs.